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SUBJ: PRONK VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. AT LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 14 AMBASSADOR AND DCM REVIEWED ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF MINISTER PRONK AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS LODEWIJK VAN GORKOM, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

2. PRONK IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AS THOSE ON WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE DURING HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE UP ANY SUBJECTS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AND THUS LIE OUTSIDE OF PRONK'S JURISDICTION.

A. THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE;

B. FOOD AID, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD FOOD CONGRESS;

C. AID TO MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING UN

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AND WORLD BANK PROGRAMS;

D. THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION NEXT SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

E. BILATERAL AID POLICIES FOCUSING ON COUNTRIES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE NETHERLANDS OR THE US (AS FAR AS PRONK IS CONCERNED THIS WILL INCLUDE INDIA, BANGLADESH AND SURINAM).

3. PRONK APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING TO SHORTEN HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON BUT EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHEDULING OF SUMMIT REALM TALKS WITH SURINAM AND THE ANTILLES REQUIRED HIM TO GO FROM WASHINGTON TO LIMA FOR THE UNIDO CONFERENCE SOONER SO THAT HE COULD BE BACK IN THE HAGUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 23. HE IS THEREFORE PLANNING TO LEAVE WASHINGTON AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

4. PRONK EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE APPOINTMENTS SO FAR MADE FOR HIM IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ELSEWHERE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR DISCUSSION OF HIS PROGRAM INTERESTS, WE RECOMMEND THAT APPOINTMENTS ALSO BE MADE FOR HIM WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS (TO INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF US POLICY TOWARDS SURINAM AFTER INDEPENDENCE) AND A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS ITEM B IN PARA 2 ABOVE. RECALLING PRONK'S ORIGINAL REQUEST TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE SECRETARY, WE EXPLAINED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON ON HIS NEXT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PRONK WOULD LIKE TO PAY AT LEAST A COURESTY CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL IN ADDITION TO HIS SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON.

5. IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM INFORMATION THE FONOFF HAD RECEIVED FROM ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHAT APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED ON THE HILL. WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRANGING FOR PRONK TO SEE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS, TO AFFORD A FIRSTHAND UNDERSTANDING OF THEPOLITICAL REALITIES GOVERNING THE SIZE AND CONTENT OF US AID PROGRMS.
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6. PRONK MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE WANTS TO BE SPARED ANY FORMAL, PROTOCOL TYPE LUNCHEONS OR DINNERS. HE SAID IN FACT THAT HE COULD DISPENSE WITH DINNER ALTOGETHER IN ORDER TO HAVE AS MANY RELEVANT APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE. HE AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT WORKING STAG DINNERS, INCLUDING SUNDAY, MARCH 9, THE DATE OF HIS ARRIVAL, COULD ACCOMPLISH HIS SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSE

WITHOUT WASTING HIS TIME.

7. PRONK REITERATED HIS KEEN DESIRE TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB OR SOME OTHER SUITABLE FORUM. HE WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWING ON TV OR RADIO SHOW, PREFERABLY ONE FOR A NATIONAL AUDIENCE.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON PRONK'S PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE US TO RELAY TO HIM.
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